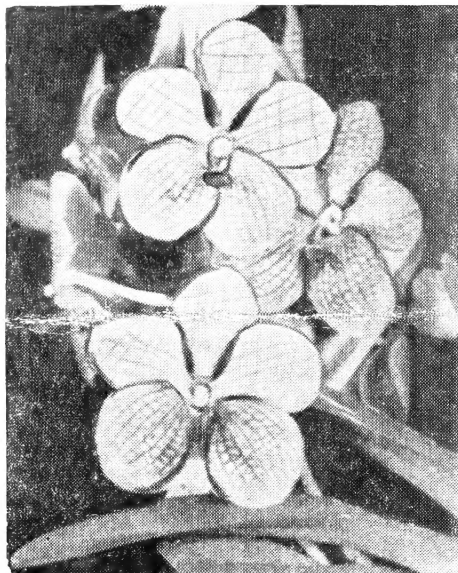




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# INTRODUCING THE EVER-BLOOMING STRAP-LEAF VANDA ORCHID PLANT



Esteemed Friend:

It is always nice to have an orchid plant in bloom when friends drop around for a visit. For this reason the Strap-Leaf Vanda Orchid is fast becoming the outstanding orchid of the year, since it blooms all the year around!

They can be grown along with Cattleya, Oncidium, Laelia and Dendrobium Orchids. They like very good light and the warm atmosphere of a well heated home. They are very adaptable and will grow equally as well in either osmunda, charcoal or pebbles. When grown in either charcoal or pebbles they should be given some form of soluble fertilizer several times a month. They also like a daily sprinkle on their leaves in the morning, and a good pot watering a few times a week.

A great advantage that Strap-Leaf Vanda Orchid plants have over other types of orchids is the fact that they bloom all year around. Even small plants will bloom 3 to 4 times a year. As plants get bigger they may produce as many as 10 to 15 spikes of flowers (150 to 400 flowers a year). The flowers are long-lasting; as much as 6 to 8 weeks on the plant, and they are very durable in corsages as well. They come in thousands of colors! Those with Sanderiana blood lines are very valuable. Col. Gore of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, paid \$1,250.00 for a single plant!

For IMMEDIATE BLOOMING I offer the following plants, either in bud or bloom or with a started flower spike: Order at once as the supply is very limited. Order by number.

HO-1F	—	Color variation:	Deep Pink, Blue, Gray-Blue	— \$15 to \$20 ea.
GM-2F	—	" "	Brownish-Gold	— 17 to 25 "
EN-3F	—	" "	Cream-Chestnut markings	— 17 to 25 "
GW-4F	—	" "	Blue	— 20 to 25 "
HZ-5F	—	" "	Blue	— 25 "
JT-6F	—	" "	White with purple spots	— 12 "
DS-7F	—	" "	Brown with pink back	— 17 to 20 "
CW-8F	—	" "	Blue, Pink, Raspberry	— 16 to 20 "

Flowers on all of these will average 3 to 4 inches in size except JT-6F which is a small flowering variety:

**SPECIAL: Sanderiana** — the best of them all; plants to bloom within a year, only \$15. These run to shades of orange, brown, pink, raspberry, gold, etc. Color on these are never predictable, and selected plants often sell for \$75 to \$300. So you may get something really valuable if you can patiently wait about a year until these come into bloom. All plants will be shipped within 7 days the best possible way. If you have a shipping preference please let me know. I will include free with each plant a 1 year supply of water-soluble fertilizer suitable for these plants.

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P. S. The May 1954 issue of National Geographic Magazine, on page 600, had an excellent color photo of a cluster of Sanderiana Orchids.